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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Greetings:

The following is filed in timely response to the non-final Office Action mailed on May 4, 2005, wherein the Examiner:

1. Rejected Claims 1 and 5 as unpatentable under Section 103(a) over applicant's statement of the prior art in view of Burns et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,654,512.

2. Objected to Claims 2-4 and 6-8 as dependent upon a rejected base claim and indicated they would be allowable if rewritten to be independent of rejected base claims including all limitations.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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